

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 20-34, 36-38, 41-43, 45 and 46 were pending in the present application. Claim 6 was indicated to be allowable, but was objected to for informalities, in the Office Action dated December 21, 2006. All other independent claims were rejected.

Interview Summary

The rejected claims were discussed in phone interviews with Examiner Paul F. Contino on February 5 and February 7, 2007. In particular, the rejection of claim 34 was discussed with respect to applicability of MPEP 2184(II)(A) and 35 USC 102. No agreement was reached with respect to claim 34 or other rejected independent claims.

In the phone interviews the Examiner indicated that claim 31 (and claims 32-33, which depend from claim 31) would be allowable if amended to depend from claim 6.

Amended Claims

Claim 6 is amended to delete a comma. This is believed to overcome the objection to claim 6. Claims 6 was indicated to be otherwise allowable in the Office Action and claims 7, 9-17 and 20 are believed to be allowable at least for depending from claim 6.

Claim 31 is amended to depend from claim 6 and is thus believed to be allowable as indicated in the phone interview. Claims 32 and 33 are also believed to be in condition for allowance at least for depending from claim 31.

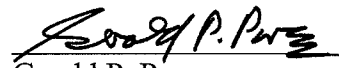
Claim 32 is amended to remove commas that were the basis of an objection. Thus, the objection to claim 32 is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance and an indication of their allowance is requested.

However, if the Examiner is aware of any additional matters that should be discussed, a call to the undersigned attorney at: (415) 318-1160 would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


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